

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

1. (Twice Amended) A valve comprising:  
a valve body including a metering chamber and a sampling chamber;  
a first sealing ring having a first rounded stem-receiving portion  
adapted to engage a valve stem;  
a valve stem having a dispensing passage adapted to be receivable by  
the first sealing ring and adapted to slidingly engage the first sealing ring in  
contact with at least a portion of the first rounded stem-receiving portion; and  
a second sealing ring having a second rounded stem-receiving portion,  
the second sealing ring provided between the metering chamber and the  
sampling chamber, wherein the second sealing ring is adapted to slidably  
engage the valve stem in contact with at least a portion of the second rounded  
stem-receiving portion.

13. (Twice Amended) The valve according to claim 1, wherein the  
valve stem includes a transfer passage such that in the valve-closed position  
the dispensing passage is isolated from the metering chamber via said  
transfer passage, wherein, in the valve-open position, the dispensing passage  
is in communication with the metering chamber and the transfer passage is  
isolated from the metering chamber.

27. (Twice Amended) The valve according to claim 26 wherein the  
second elastomeric material is selected from the group consisting of a  
thermoplastic elastomer comprising a copolymer of about 80 to about 95  
percent ethylene and a total of about 5 to about 20 mole percent of one or  
more of 1-butene, 1-hexene and 1-octene; a styrene-ethylene/butylene-  
styrene block co-polymer; an ethylene propylene diene rubber; a  
thermoplastic elastomer blend of an ethylene propylene diene rubber  
dispersed in a polypropylene polyethylene matrix; a butyl polyethylene; a  
butyl-polypropylene; and any mixtures thereof.

Please add the following new claim.

35. (New) The valve according to claim 25 wherein the elastomeric material is selected from the group consisting of a thermoplastic elastomer comprising a copolymer of about 80 to about 95 percent ethylene and a total of about 5 to about 20 mole percent of one or more of 1-butene, 1-hexene and 1-octene; a styrene-ethylene/butylene-styrene block co-polymer; an ethylene propylene diene rubber; a thermoplastic elastomer blend of an ethylene propylene diene rubber dispersed in a polypropylene polyethylene matrix; a butyl polyethylene; a butyl-polypropylene; and any mixtures thereof.